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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HERMANUS JOHANNES WAANDERS' : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
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AN OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMSPlease amend the claims to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

A<sub>1</sub> Sub B<sub>2</sub> 5. (Amended) Assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the protrusions  
are formed by metal balls, which are partially incorporated in the first object or in the second  
object.

A<sub>2</sub> Sub B<sub>2</sub> 7. (Amended) Assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that means are  
provided for the mutual fastening of the combined objects.

<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the claim amendments is attached hereto.